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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, embodiment 1, as identified by the Examiner, illustrated in Figures 3 - 9. At least claims 1 - 7, 15 - 17 and 24 are considered to be readable thereon. Further, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification are presented beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.